

Rally for Raleigh Nordic Ski Race Results

Pine Valley, Cloquet, Minnesota

January 15, 2008

Name	Time	Place	Race	Gender
Nikolai Anikin (new course record)	11:49	1	Skate	Male
Phil Rogers	12:32	2	Skate	Male
Ken Ripp	14:01	3	Skate	Male
Tim Stark	14:14	4	Skate	Male
Leif Gilsvik	14:24	5	Skate	Male
Greg Williams	14:34	6	Skate	Male
Jon Bostrom	15:02	7	Skate	Male
David Larson	15:58	8	Skate	Male
Joe Stromsness	16:22	9	Skate	Male
Chris Evavold	16:37	10	Skate	Male
Jessica Gable	19:43	11	Skate	Female
Alisha Williams	21:16	12-tie	Skate	Female
Sara Gleason	21:16	12-tie	Skate	Female
Alina Peter	22:13	14	Skate	Female
Brian Hayden	22:39	15	Skate	Male
Levi Hayden	22:51	16	Skate	Male
Samuel Hayden	22:58	17	Skate	Male
Aimee Goldschmidt	23:53	18	Skate	Female
Dave Gilsvik	24:44	19	Classic	Male
Josey Weik	24:51	20	Skate	Female
Joel Rosen	25:03	21	Classic	Male
Tour Participants and Event Volunteers:				
Sam Cook				
Finn Stephenson				
Daina Rosen				
Woody Waugh				
Emma Waugh				
Billie Waugh				
Brent Smith				
Tom Urbanski				
Karen Williams				
Patti Urbanski				
Tara Parsons				
Lenora Moe				
Reid Smith				
Kristi Moe				
Arvid Brekke				

Maura Goessling				
Mr. Goessling				
Shaleen Christianson				

Race re-cap:

Temperature: 18 degrees F.

Wind: Calm; clear sky

Trail: Excellent, loose snow on hardpack

Distance: 5 Kilometers; two loops of the 2.5K lighted loop

A great crowd showed up at Pine Valley to race under the lights on Tuesday evening, January 15. The event was a fundraising event to support local athlete Raleigh Goessling, who recently earned a spot on the United States Team that will participate in the Youth/Junior World Biathlon Championships in Ruhpolding, Germany, from January 26 through February 2, 2008. Goessling, a high school sophomore, is a member of the Cloquet-Esko-Carlton Nordic Ski Team.

Racing was fast on excellent trail conditions. Nikolai Anikin of Duluth set a new course record of 11:49 in the 5-Kilometer Skate Race. The old record of 11:55 was set in 2006 by Adam Swank. Jessica Gable of Cloquet won the Women's 5-Kilometer Skate Race, and Dave Gilsvik of Two Harbors won the 5-Kilometer Classic Race. Approximately 40 skiers and volunteers participated in the races and the accompanying ski tour.

The post-race gathering in Spafford Chalet was fun as Raleigh spoke to the group about his upcoming trip and international races. Everyone went home with a prize from the overflowing table of door prizes, with plenty of swag donated by Continental Ski Shop in Duluth and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. A silent auction was held for two entries into the upcoming Nordic Spirit Race, donated by Super One Foods.

Raleigh handed out thank-you cards with the following message:

“I would like to thank you for coming out today to ski. I really appreciate your support! I also want to thank my coaches, Brent Smith and Phil Rogers, both of Esko, and Bill Meyer of Nisswa, MN. They have been so generous with their time. Their support, and yours, is a big part of what has made it possible for me to reach my goal of making the U.S. Youth Men's Biathlon Team and participating in the Youth World Biathlon Championships. Go to www.usbiathlon.org to check on the team's progress during the competitions held January 28-February 2. With sincere thanks, Raleigh Goessling.”

-submitted by Tom Urbanski